

MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN MICHAEL LANGE**, on February 8, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 455 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Michael Lange, Chairman (R)
Rep. Bill E. Glaser, Vice Chairman (R)
Rep. Art Noonan, Vice Chairman (D)
Rep. Debby Barrett (R)
Rep. Bob Bergren (D)
Rep. Mark Blasdel (R)
Rep. Margaret H. Campbell (D)
Rep. Dave Gallik (D)
Rep. Dennis Himmelberger (R)
Rep. Krayton Kerns (R)
Rep. Bob Lake (R)
Rep. Gary MacLaren (R)
Rep. Dave McAlpin (D)
Rep. Tom McGillvray (R)
Rep. John Parker (D)
Rep. Michele Reinhart (D)
Rep. Scott Sales (R)
Rep. Dan Villa (D)

Members Excused: Rep. Jon Sonju (R)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Cindy Peterson, Committee Secretary
Greg Petesch, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 568, 2/7/2007
Executive Action: HB 568

HEARING ON HB 568

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:58 Rep. Bob Bergren (D), HD 33, opened the hearing on HB 568, revise laws governing legislative branch.

Proponents' Testimony:

00:06:58 Rep. Sue Dickenson, HD 25, Great Falls
00:08:48 Rep. Franke Wilmer, HD 64, Bozeman
00:11:24 Rep. Veronica Small-Eastman, HD 42, Yellowstone County
00:14:06 Rep. Ron Erickson, HD 93, Missoula

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:15:43 Rep. Gallik
00:16:30 Rep. Bergren
00:16:37 Rep. Barrett
00:17:26 Rep. Wilmer
00:18:37 Rep. Lange
00:19:17 Rep. Bergren
00:19:51 Rep. Lange
00:19:58 Greg Petesch, Code Commissioner, Legislative Services
Division
00:21:29 Rep. Bergren
00:22:44 Rep. McAlpin
00:22:58 Rep. Bergren

Closing by Sponsor:

00:23:42 Rep. Bergren

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON 568

00:27:11 **Motion:** Rep. Bergren moved that HB 568 **DO PASS.**

Discussion:

00:27:24 Rep. Parker
00:28:57 Rep. Noonan
00:33:49 Rep. Reinhart
00:34:05 Mr. Petesch
00:34:18 Rep. Lange

00:37:06 Rep. Bergren
00:37:33 Mr. Petesch
00:38:56 Rep. Lange
00:39:03 Mr. Petesch
00:39:25 Rep. Parker
00:40:12 Rep. Lange
00:40:51 Rep. Gallik
00:44:36 Rep. Lange
00:44:41 Rep. Himmelberger
00:47:59 Rep. Parker
00:50:49 Rep. Noonan
00:51:53 Rep. Lange

00:51:59 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that HB 568 **BE AMENDED** to include a conceptual amendment.

Discussion:

00:53:00 Mr. Petesch

00:53:52 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergren, Rep. Campbell, Rep. Gallik, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Parker, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Villa voting aye and Rep. Sonju voting no by proxy.

Discussion:

00:55:41 Rep. Villa
00:59:21 Rep. MacLaren
00:59:53 Rep. Bergren

01:02:23 **Motion:** Rep. Gallik moved that HB 568 **BE AMENDED** to include a conceptual amendment. Motion was withdrawn.

01:03:02 Rep. Lange

01:03:10 **Vote:** Do pass motion failed 8-11 by roll call vote with Rep. Bergren, Rep. Campbell, Rep. Gallik, Rep. McAlpin, Rep. Noonan, Rep. Parker, Rep. Reinhart, and Rep. Villa voting aye and Rep. Sonju voting no by proxy. Without objection, the vote was reversed and HB 568 **WAS TABLED**.

ADJOURNMENT

01:05:04 Adjournment.

REP. MICHAEL LANGE, Chairman

CINDY PETERSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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